

The Plantations—The Testimony.
The "butcher-dog" Sheridan promises General Grant a large catalogue of murders. He would prefer to send him a larger number of murdered White Leaguers. This whole sale shipment of horrors may arrive in time for Grant's collection of slanders against the South which is promised to Congress in a "joke."

We suspected from the beginning that Mr. Senator THURMAN's resolution was just the thing the Republicans wanted in order that the budget of horrors accumulated by WILLIAMS might be elicited officially and spread over the Union under official authority. Congress was bound, as the supercilious servant of power, to see that the resolution was sent to Grant in language showing a due degree of humility on the part of the Senate. That was all. That being done, and the Senate being brought down on its marrow-bones to a coordinate branch of our republican government, why the resolution was exactly what was wanted, as we shall see.

True, Mr. BAYARD states that CONKLING stuck upon a resolution he offered two years since inquiring what had been done by General MERILL, the then Governor agent in the South Carolina tyranny, the same amendment that he moved to Mr. THURMAN's resolution: "If not incompatible with the public interests." The resolution was adopted as amended, and General GRANT had treated it with contempt. It had not been heard from. It was not "compatible" with the true interests of the Radical party that the information sought then should be furnished.

But it is now a different matter. The New Orleans difficulty is part of the nefarious plan of the Administration to bring about an excitement and national phrezy that might rebuild the declining fortunes of the Republican party and force the country into submission to General Grant for a "third term." The Louisianaists do not resist, as was expected, a "dorm" em; but the budget of lies and horrors gathered by spies and informers was sent to something to help on this plan; and it is in the Radical interest that it should be elicited into the halls of Congress. So Mr. BAYARD will see that the resolution asking for this information will not be treated as was his—with silent contempt. Oh, no. The discretion which his sycophants of the Senate so readily accord to President GRANT will always be used with a discreet regard to his "interests" and to the "interests" of his followers of the Radical party. And in view of the present nature of the Government as operated by the President and as consented to by Congress this is right. Ours now is in spirit and in fact a party government, run in the interests of the Republican party and against the white people, and in favor of the negroes of the South, as they are regarded, as the President says, of the Republican party. It is not only not a republican government, but it is a government endeavoring to exalt barbarism over civilization, and to destroy the order and harmony of the nation that Republican rule may be prolonged.

So we shall have the testimony going to show that civilized people are barbarians, and that barbarians and thieves are civilized people, and that into their hands should be confided the exclusive governing power and the control of the public welfare.

Such fraudulent and vicious information is to be huried in to forestall that of the congressional committees, which may be justly feared by the guilty conspirators because it is expected that it will have something like fairness in it.

And this is called a republic, and we are understood to live under a republican government with a constitution!

Sheridana.
The New York Journal of Commerce, a paper of unquestioned honesty and sincerity, and which is slow to speak in the language of severity—a paper which never suffers itself to be betrayed into a warmth of speech not justified by the occasion—speaks of Sheridan's acts with decided severity. It commences an able article upon his career in New Orleans as the commander of the Gulf as follows:

"If Congress has the self-respect which belongs to common manhood it will at once demand the recall of General Sheridan from New Orleans."

The Journal proceeds to state why honorable congressmen of all parties should join in this proper measure. Prominent amongst them is the statement that Congress had sent to Louisiana a committee to inquire into the condition of affairs there. It says:

"Up to this time no evidence has been produced to prove that the people of Louisiana are not as peaceful and orderly as those of any other State. It is in this juncture of affairs that the people of all parties are waiting for revelations of facts to be made through a legitimate congressional investigation, that General Sheridan attempts to forestall and nullify the whole work of the committee. This he does in the boldest and most offensive manner possible."

We extract a few pointed sentences from the Journal's article:

"He sends out dispatches to be published to the country at large declaring the State to be full of a 'spirit of defiance to all lawful authority,' life to be insecure, and the civil government powerless to punish or arrest murderers." "One hardly knows whether to wonder most at the falsehood or the ferocity of these utterances."

There is not a word of truth in any of the assertions publicly made by General Sheridan. And even if any part of his brutal tirade were true, there was no occasion whatever that he should solicit the privilege of killing the White Leaguers in cold blood. We ask for this case a cattle-lifter and horse-burner par excellence; a man whose reputation mainly depends upon a battle in which he was not, and in other conflicts where he was, and where he displayed simply that blind obedience and brutish courage characteristic of a lower order of animals—on the basis of half a century of blood-guilt upon our own merits, and of depreciation of the merits of European nations, this little wretch does what, if done by

Killer Wilburn, or King Emmanuel, or even the district attorney, Cor. Nichols, would have cost each of them a crown, and possibly more; and were justice done, their royal heads, upon a country outside the domain of the Sultan, or that of the Grand Lama, could such a thing occur, and not meet with swift and righteous retribution."

Sheridan's Character.
We quoted from the *Whig* in the *Dispatch* of Friday the compliment paid by that paper to General Sheridan—viz., that he was a "brave and accomplished soldier." Concerning altogether in the *Whig's* scathing criticism of him, we took occasion to say that we had not seen any satisfactory proof of military accomplishments that entitled him to the compliment in question, but admitted that we were only a poor judge of military matters. As to his bravery, we had never called in question, but we cited his brag telegram asserting that he had been in New Orleans threatened with assassination, but that he was "not afraid!" We thought everybody might be able to criticize and judge of that.

The *Whig* and ourselves concur so nearly in our estimates of the character of this bloody-minded and rude officer that there is hardly room for disagreement. What little there is we would leave to that really brave and accomplished officer who, under the signature of "D. H. M.," gave us a shrewd sketch of the monster in our paper of Saturday. He knows Sheridan well, and is incapable of wronging him.

We do not now mean to say he is not brave; but we mean to say that true bravery is seldom found in the heart of a brutal and cruel man. The "thief doth fear each bush an officer," and "conscience makes cowards of us all." Supposing *Phis.* has a conscience, we do not see but that his bravery might be suspected of being somewhat out at the elbow.

Grant Knows Better.
In the letter upon Louisiana affairs that was sent to Congress two years ago by General GRANT he said:

"To judge of the election and qualifications of its members is the exclusive province of the Senate, as it is also the exclusive province of the House to judge of the election and qualifications of its members; but the State, the Senate, and the House, under the laws, the decisions of the State judicial tribunal, it seems to me, ought to be respected."

Which language proves that GRANT is not only a usurper of authority, but knows himself to be such.

Massachusetts Looks Through the Key-Hole.
In the message of Governor GASTON to the Legislature of Massachusetts is found the following brief reference to Louisiana matters:

"The presence of an armed force of the United States in a Legislature of a State for the purpose of settling an election contest between political parties is matter of great concern to all people of all States, more especially in a case where the possible effect of such presence may be to subvert the popular will and impose upon a people rulers whom they have not selected and under whose laws the decisions of the State judicial tribunal, it seems to me, ought to be respected."

We suppose that so far as the State in her official and public concerns is concerned this view through the key-hole will be all that we may expect.

Boston talks of a public demonstration. We should like to see it. It is a good time for the ADAMS, who are famous for being on nearly all the great waves. But we apprehend that the Faneuil Hall patriots are, like the salt-water terrapins, deep in the mud about now. The descendants of the ten-heavers are not at all excited.

Colonel GEORGE W. MEXFORD is still alive, Mr. Petersburg Appeal. And long may he live.

General Assembly of Virginia.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1875.
SENATE.

Lieutenant-Governor WITHERS presiding. No prayer.

House bill for the construction of cases in the rotunda of the capitol for the exhibition of our State minerals was taken up and referred.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.
Mr. KIRKPATRICK, from the Committee on Public Institutions, reported House joint resolution in relation to printing annual reports of the lunatic asylums and Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institute.

House bill for reorganizing the dates for the holding of the school year, the making of annual reports by school officers, and holding of the annual meeting of the county school board.

House bill making an appropriation to cover the State court-house with slate or zinc, and make the same fire-proof.

House bill to amend and re-cast section 28 of chapter 78 of the Code, to provide for taking the census of the school-population.

He also reported the following resolution: "Resolved by the General Assembly, That the Governor be, and he is hereby, authorized to return to the legal representatives of the late Thomas Crawford the two works of art (in bronze) representing the arms of the State of Virginia in bas-relief, now deposited in the western vestibule of the capitol."

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED.
Mr. COCHRAN presented joint resolutions in reference to Louisiana affairs; which were discussed at length and finally laid on the table and made the order of the day for Tuesday next at 10 o'clock.

Mr. THOMAS A. Resolution as to the causes of delay in the printing of Gratia's Reports, &c. Referred to the Joint Committee on Printing.

Adjournd at 3:10.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.
The House met at 12 M.—Speaker HANCOCK in the chair. No prayer.

PRESENTED AND REFERRED.
By Mr. CRANE: Bill to amend the charter of Charlottesville.

By Mr. MAGRUDER: Resolution as to the expediency of amending the law as to term of office of the right to special juries in important cases.

By Mr. MORRIS: Bill to amend the law declaring Smith's river, in Henry county, a lawful fence.

By Mr. W. A. NASH: Petition for the relief of Dr. George E. Gee, of Lunenburg.

granted to Messrs. HILL and SPERRATT for two days, and TAYLOR for three days.

REPORTED.
Favorably: Senate bill to amend the law in relation to the condition upon which the streets and alleys of a city or town may be created, or the improvement of term improvement companies; Senate bill to amend the charter of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia; Senate bill to prohibit the condemnation of lands belonging to lunatic asylums, the institutions for the deaf, dumb and blind, or to any university, college, or seminary of learning; Senate bill to incorporate the Turner Home of the city of Norfolk; House bill to incorporate the Ladies' Memorial Association of Manassas; House bill to prevent the destruction of fish in the north fork of Holston river; House bill to repeal certain sections of the Code in relation to fishing in Clinch river; House bill to amend the deed of trust on the Methodist church at Union, in Loudoun county; Senate bill to amend the law in relation to process upon indictment, informations, and presentments, with House amendments, was reported with the recommendation that the House insist upon its amendments; and a committee of conference asked for; House bill for the protection of sheep in Potomac; joint resolution requesting the Congress of the United

States to make an appropriation to the District of Columbia, to be paid to the late Swamp land.

Adversely: House bill to amend the law in relation to killing wild, rough; House resolution in relation to protecting the rights of a debtor.

On motion of Mr. HOLMES, it was resolved to request the Secretary of the Commonwealth to furnish two copies of the Code of 1873 for the use of the Committee on Counties, Cities, and Towns, said copies not to be returned.

The Senate laid before the House a communication from the Auditor of Public Accounts stating that the expense of taking care of the navy since last May has been \$1,910.36. Referred.

Senate bill to amend the law in relation to the conditions upon which the streets and alleys of a city or town may be created, or the improvement of term improvement companies, occupied by internal improvement companies.

House bill to incorporate the Hamilton Institute.

House bill to authorize the county of Middlesex to vote on the question of the purchase of the Urbana toll-bridge in order to make it a free bridge.

House bill authorizing the division of school districts into sub-districts, and to provide for the management of the public schools therein.

PARDONS.
The SPEAKER laid before the House a message from the Governor giving a statement of all the pardons he had granted since the last session, and the reasons therefor. Referred.

DISMISSED.
On motion of Mr. McMELEN, House bill to amend the law fixing the minimum number of scholars to form a public free-school at under pupils was dismissed.

Adjournd at 1 P. M.

The Negro Leagues.
Editors of the *Dispatch*.—It was much pleased with your issue of the 10th inst. in which the *Dispatch* headed "White Leagues—Grant and Sheridan."

It has long been a matter of surprise with me that while the Federal Government (i. e., Grant, Williams, &c.) has been making such a hue and cry about the White Leagues organized by the respectably citizens of Louisiana, and their protection against political usurpation the Conservative and Democratic press have in opposition made so little mention of the Black Leagues, which are known to have been in existence in all the southern States ever since the close of the war, and which in point of terrorism and aggression have far exceeded the White Leagues.

I am glad to see that the late outrageous military interference in the lawful organization of the Louisiana Legislature is attracting so much and such deserved condemnation all over our country. Still, I am sorry to find that our countrymen of the South will not be backward in bringing the subject to the attention of our Legislature. Don't let the old Bay State get ahead of us in this protest.

If Grant upholds the brute Sheridan and continues him in command, he might as well say to his friends, "I am going to be a tyrant, and Sheridan and Sheridan sent to look after poor Captain Jack, who was a much wiser and better man of the two." A. SUBSCRIBER.

January 9, 1875.

A Letter Scolding the Legislature.
Bloomfield, Loudoun county, Va.
Editors of the *Dispatch*.—The constitutional convention authorizing biennial sessions of the Legislature, if adopted by the Legislature and submitted to the people, would command one of the largest votes in its favor ever cast by the citizens of this Commonwealth. The citizens of Virginia have been of the opinion for many years past that the Legislature should be reduced to the annual meetings. The people can do very well without these annual meetings, but the question is, Can the Legislature do without the people? The financial condition of the State and the oppressive taxation of the people are such that the Legislature should be reduced to the annual meetings. The people can do very well without these annual meetings, but the question is, Can the Legislature do without the people? The financial condition of the State and the oppressive taxation of the people are such that the Legislature should be reduced to the annual meetings. 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